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I believe that the railroads should be held responsible for the costs of the cleanup of their property. I would also like to suggest that they could possibly recover a portion of the costs incurred in the cleanup if they were willing to sell the portions of property that connect to the adjacent property owners. I'm not sure what legal issues would be involved but it seems that it might be worth pursuing. I would love to own the small parcel of property that connects to my property. If they pay property taxes on the old railroad line, it would release them of that obligation if they would sell to the adjacent property owners. If they do not have to pay taxes at present, it would also help the county if taxes were paid on the old railroad line that is now of no apparent use to anyone except the adjacent property owners.